ASSOCIATION

¶ By the King.

¶ A Proclamation for the better direction of those who desire to repaire to the Court for the Cure of their Disease called, *The Kings Euill.*

THe Kings most Excellent Maiestie, in his most Gracious and Pious disposition, being as ready & willing as any King or Queene of this Realm euer was in any thing to relieue the distresses and necessities of his good Subiects, and the good successe vpon those who haue need of his Sacred touch for the Cure of the Kings Euill, being as happy, by the blessing of Almighty God, as any of his Royall predecessours haue beene; Yet in his Princely wisedome foreseeing that in this great worke of Charitie to singular persons, those fit times are necessarily to bee obserued, which may not preiudice the generall health of his people, his Maiestie did by his Proclamation in March last, declare his Royall Will and pleasure to bee, That whereas the vsuall times of presenting such persons to his Maiestie for this purpose, were Easter and Whitsuntide, That from thencefoorth the times should bee Easter and Michaelmas, as times more conuenient, both for the Temperature of the Season, and in respect of any Contagion which might happen in the neere accesse to his Maiesties sacred Person.

And his Maiestie did thereby accordingly Will and command, That from the time of publishing the said Proclamation, none should presume to repaire to his Maiesties royall Court, to bee healed of that Disease, before the Feast of S. Michael the Archangel then next comming, and now last past.

His most excellent Maiestie (now considering that the danger of the infection of the plague is very much dispersed in diuers Counties of this Kingdome) doeth hereby Will and Command, and doeth also declare his Royall Will and pleasure to bee, That from the time of publishing

this Proclamation, none presume to repaire to his Maiesties Royall Court, to be healed of that disease called the Kings-Euill, before the fifteenth day of December next ensuing, and in case the sayd Infection should continue or increase, which God of his mercie diuert, his Maiestie will in the meane time signifie and declare his Royall Will and Pleasure by Proclamation for some further time, for that purpose.

And his Maiestie doeth further will and Command, as in his former Proclamation aforesaid hee Commanded, that all such as shall come and repayre to the Court for this purpose, shall bring with them Certificates vnder the hands of the Parson, Vicar, or Minister, and Churchwardens of those seuerall Parishes where they dwell, and from whence they come, testifying according to the trueth, that they haue not at any time before beene touched by the King, to the intent to be healed of that disease.

And his Maiestie doeth straightly Charge all Iustices of Peace, Constables and other Officers, That they doe not suffer any to passe, but such as haue such Certificates, vpon paine of his Maiesties displeasure.

And to the end that all his louing Subiects may the better take knowledge of this his Maiesties pleasure and Command; his will is, that this Proclamation bee published and affixed in some open place in euery Market Towne of this Realme. All which his Maiestie doth Command strictly to bee obserued by all and euery person, and persons whom it shall, or may concerne, vpon such paines, and penalties as may be inflicted vpon them, for the neglect thereof.

Giuen at Our Court at Hampton, The thirteenth day of October, in the seuenth yeere of Our Reigne.

God saue the King.

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